

SECTION 3 WELLS AND SEPTIC TANKS

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3.1 EXISTING UPON ANNEXATION

- A. Properties that are served by wells and/or septic tanks when they are annexed may continue the well supply and/or septic tank until there is a failure or until ordered by the Fairfax County Health Department to discontinue such use. Upon failure of a well or septic tank, the owner will be required to connect to the water or sewer system if it is reasonably available as determined by the Utilities Engineer. The plumbing inspector can not issue a permit for repair or upgrade of a well or septic tank.
- B. If a sewer main is installed within 100 feet of an existing well, water tight joints meeting public water supply requirements shall be employed in the sewer line for all portions of the sewer line within a 100 foot radius of the well. In the event a sewer line is installed within 25 feet of a well, the well shall be capped and the property shall be required to connect to the City's water system.
- C. At such time as a property that has been supplied by a well elects to connect to the City's water system, the well supply must be completely disconnected as a supplemental feed. Under no circumstances shall a well be connected to the City's distribution system.

3.2 DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED AFTER ANNEXATION:

- A. Wells and septic tanks will not be allowed to serve property proposed for new development after annexation.
- B. Exceptions to this policy are allowed as follows:
 - 1) **When the City cannot or will not extend service:** If water and/or sewer service is desired, the owner shall first submit a petition. If the City does not accept the petition and the City Council does not order the improvements installed, the City may allow a well or septic tank to serve the property. In such cases, the property owner must obtain written authorization from Fairfax County for the well or septic tank and submit it to the City's plumbing inspector prior to release of the building permit.
 - 2) **When a property owner desires a well for irrigation purposes only:** The plumbing inspector must ensure that there is no cross connection with the domestic water supply.

END OF SECTION 3

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